

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Follow Seasonal Pattern With Increase in Local Rates

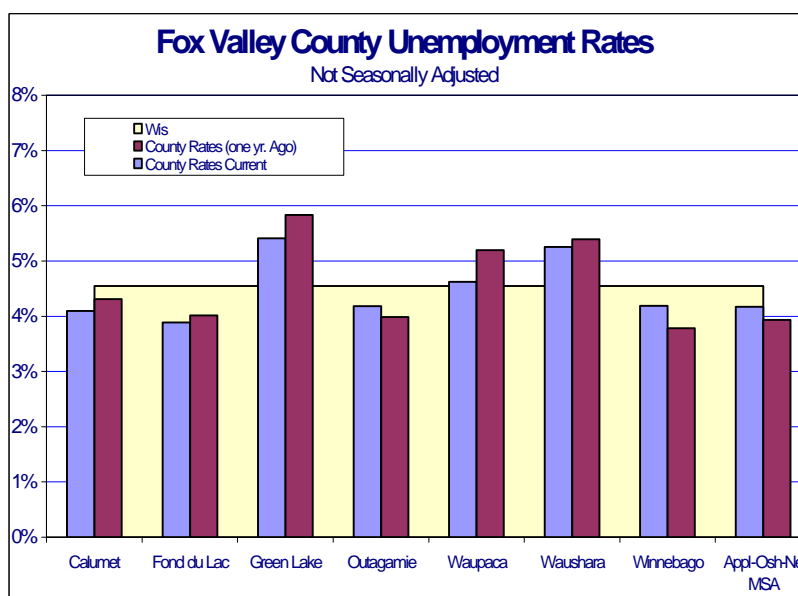
The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate rose slightly in November following general seasonal patterns for the Fox Valley Area. The region's rate rose 0.3 of a percentage point to 4.2 percent. This compares with 4.1 percent for the region last November. The Appleton/Oshkosh/Neenah MSA and all of the counties within the region had over the month increases in their rates.

Green Lake County had the greatest increase in its rate with a rise of 1.3 of a percentage point to 5.4 percent. This was also the highest rate in the Fox Valley WDA. Fond du Lac County continued to have the lowest rate within the region at 3.9 percent. Green Lake, Waupaca and Waushara Counties were above the statewide unadjusted average of 4.5 percent

Unlike October, where there is usually little change from the previous month, November is the beginning of a series of increases in the monthly rate due to seasonal factors in Wisconsin. Generally the unadjusted rate will continue to climb through February and begin to decrease in March or April. The timing of the improvement in the economy is affected by the weather.

The area's labor force increased 700, while total em-

ployment was down 500 over the month. The change, though larger than last month is still very small considering that the region has nearly 341,000 in the labor force and 326,000 workers employed. The major impact this month was the continuing growth of the labor force while the number of employed declined causing a double impact on the unemployment rate. This has been typical over the last twelve months with the labor force growing more than the number of workers finding employment. During the last twelve months, the number in the labor force has increased by 7,300, while those that are employed only rose by 6,700.



Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States (000s)	
November-2002				
Civilian Labor Force	234,900	3,067,600	142,733	
Employment	224,100	2,912,200	134,225	
Unemployment	10,900	155,400	8,508	
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.1%	6.0%	
October-2002 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	1,300	(900)	(390)	
Employment	1,100	(6,500)	(689)	
Unemployment	300	5,600	299	
Unemployment rate	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	
November-2001 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	4,800	66,100	454	
Employment	4,000	56,800	(28)	
Unemployment	800	9,400	482	
Unemployment rate	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	

Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.

Although the number employed declined over the month, the number of jobs in the region increased 800 to 288,100. This was 2,800 above last year. Manufacturing remains the largest area of job loss over last year, down 3,200 from last November and over 6,000 from two years ago. Construction employment in the region had the largest over the year increase in employment up 2,400 to 18,800. This was followed by services which rose 1,900 to 69,100.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.6 percent in November. When compared to last November the rate was 4.4 percent.

The nation's unemployment rate increased 0.3 of a percentage

point to 6.0 percent. The rate for the State of Wisconsin remained below the national rate. The state's rate rose 0.2 of a percentage point to 5.1 percent. To the north, the rate for the Green Bay MSA was 5.0 percent, up 0.4 of a percentage point.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

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County Workforce Profiles have been updated. A separate profile is available for each of Wisconsin's 72 counties and contains information on labor force change, population, per capita personal income and more!

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates for the Wisconsin Fox Valley Counties

November-2002	App/Osh/Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Region	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	233,500	57,200	11,100	26,900	12,200	340,900	3,053,900
Employed	223,800	54,900	10,500	25,700	11,500	326,400	2,915,100
Unemployed	9,700	2,200	600	1,200	600	14,400	138,800
Unemployment rate(%)	4.2%	3.9%	5.4%	4.6%	5.3%	4.2%	4.5%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	4.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.1%
Total, all industries**	209,000	49,800	7,800	21,500	6,200	288,100	2,867,500
Construction & Mining	13,800	3,500	600	1,000	300	18,800	130,800
Manufacturing	54,800	11,500	1,700	6,000	700	74,000	567,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	9,900	2,500	300	800	300	13,400	131,800
Wholesale Trade	9,300	1,800	100	900	400	12,200	135,700
Retail Trade	36,800	9,400	1,400	3,900	1,400	51,500	519,300
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	9,700	1,800	300	700	200	12,500	153,900
Services	49,600	13,200	2,100	4,200	1,400	69,100	795,100
Government	25,200	6,000	1,300	4,100	1,500	36,600	433,700
Change from previous month							
Civilian Labor Force*	1,000	-200	100	-400	300	700	200
Employed	400	-400	-100	-500	100	-500	-12,300
Unemployed	600	100	100	100	100	1,100	12,600
Unemployment rate(%)	0.3%	0.2%	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%	0.3%	0.4%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	0.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.2%
Total, all industries**	1,100	0	-100	-200	100	800	500
Construction & Mining	150	-80	-20	-30	0	30	-3,500
Manufacturing	-110	-90	10	-40	20	-230	-3,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	-80	-30	-30	0	0	-140	-900
Wholesale Trade	-50	-20	0	-10	90	-70	200
Retail Trade	880	120	-10	-90	-10	900	8,700
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	-40	0	10	0	0	-30	100
Services	-120	50	-70	-160	-60	-300	-7,600
Government	460	80	60	90	70	700	6,500
Change from year ago							
Civilian Labor Force*	4,700	1,400	200	400	600	7,300	59,600
Employed	4,000	1,400	300	600	500	6,700	54,000
Unemployed	700	0	0	-200	0	500	5,700
Unemployment rate(%)	0.2%	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.6%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	0.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.2%
Total, all industries**	1,800	900	-70	170	200	2,800	24,200
Construction & Mining	1,960	290	30	60	30	2,350	3,000
Manufacturing	-2,500	-500	-120	-60	10	-3,200	-8,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	270	210	0	20	-20	500	-1,600
Wholesale Trade	110	10	-10	-20	80	90	-1,700
Retail Trade	-250	30	-20	-10	30	-240	3,000
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	210	50	50	20	0	320	3,200
Services	1,350	560	-10	-10	60	1,880	20,400
Government	660	220	30	160	20	1,060	6,800

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted unless noted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers.

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